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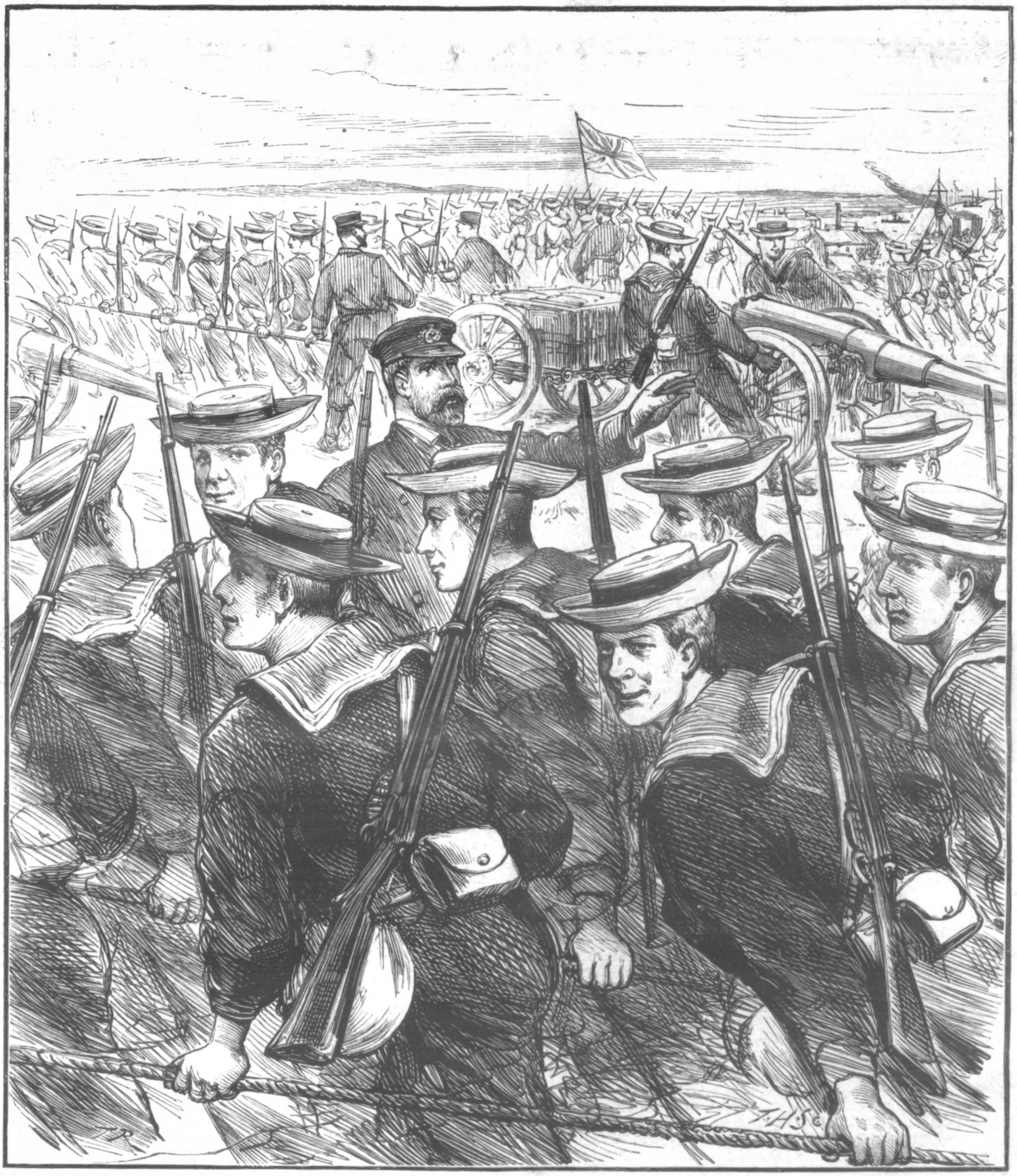

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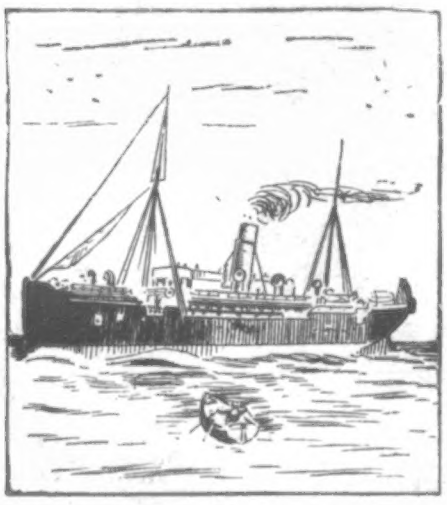
WRECK NEAR MARSEILLES.

THE WRECK OF THE "RUSSIE" on the deadly Faraman shore on Jan. 7 was remarkable in many ways, but chiefly for the manner in which the vessel held together through the terrible storm, and the fact that, after being exposed to the full fury of the elements for five days, all the passengers and crew should have been rescued. It is seldom indeed that a steamer of the tonnage of the *Russie* escapes destruction when driven ashore and subjected to such a fearful buffeting. The *Russie* was British built, and was no ordinary vessel. Even though she had settled down on a sandy beach, and was thus to some extent protected from the fury of the elements, the strain upon the hull must have been tremendous, and the marvel is that the plates did not part when she first struck. Unfortunately the gratifying news of rescue is marred by ugly rumours which recall the wreck of the *Bourgogne*. At any rate, the officers of the stranded steamer and some of the crew were brave and calm and



THE "RUSSIE," WRECKED ON THE FARAMAN SHORE NEAR MARSEILLES.

faithful to duty, and throughout the awful days and nights, when a terrible death either from starvation or drowning seemed to be imminent, most of the passengers showed a courage altogether admirable. Considering that the vessel was lying close in shore, within hailing distance of the people on the beach, it reflects a good deal of discredit on the French authorities that the life-saving appliances failed so signally and upon so many occasions, and that the would-be rescuers were absolutely unable to assist the people on board until the violence of the wind abated, and the sea went down sufficiently for a boat to live through the breakers.

To Correspondents.

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Talk of London.

EARL ROBERTS'S ACTIVITY.

THE presence in England of the bronzed, blue-eyed little Commander-in-Chief, whose masterly achievements in the Transvaal should not be belittled by the transient successes of Boer guerillas, has had a wholesome quickening effect upon War Office action. Earl Roberts is the one military leader likeliest to rekindle the martial spirit of England, and to infuse his own indomitable energy and unquenchable zeal into the various branches of the British Army. It has been told how his fine sense of Duty led Lord Roberts the very day he returned to London to take up his post at the War Office as Commander-in-Chief. At the earliest possible moment after he resumed harness, the dispatch of the necessary reinforcements to Lord Kitchener was accelerated. Lord Roberts is not the man to allow unworthy jealousies of his able successor on account of his rapid rise to hinder him in the fulfilment of the hard task he has in hand in South Africa. Lord Roberts is doing his best to strengthen Lord Kitchener's force of mounted men. A Drawing on another page—the departure of the Dragoons from Aldershot during the recent snowstorm—indicates how thoroughly "Bobs" has roused the military authorities to the urgent need for dispatch in this new emergency. Additional thousands of cavalry will shortly be speeding from England and Australia to Cape Town. With these and with the considerable Army still under his command, Lord Kitchener—in whom Earl Roberts has emphatically declared, in his own frank and generous fashion, that he reposes every confidence—may be safely trusted to settle the ubiquitous Boers who are making such a brave fight for it under Generals Botha and De Wet.

"Bobs" at Woolwich.

Working hard at the War Office one morning, speeding in the afternoon to Woolwich to fulfil an engagement, and hastening another day by rail and boat to Osborne to dine with the Queen, Lord Roberts can have but little time indeed to himself. A *P.I.P.* Artist has the privilege of depicting his Lordship at the banquet given in his honour by the officers of the Royal Artillery in the mess-room at Woolwich, with Field-Marshal H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge in the chair, on Jan. 10. Among the other distinguished officers who gathered to pay homage to Lord Roberts were Major-General Sir Frederick Maurice, K.C.B., commanding the Woolwich District, and organiser of the hearty reception given to the hero of the occasion, Sir Henry Brackenbury, Sir H. Geary, Generals M. G. Marshall and Lloyd, and Sir Michael Biddulph. Very picturesque was the effect of the five hundred artillerymen holding torches as Lord Roberts reached Woolwich with his travelling escorts, and very festive looked the mess-room with its tasteful decorations, arranged in honour of "Bobs," who was naturally delighted with the magnificent welcome accorded him by the heads of one of the most splendid branches of the service.

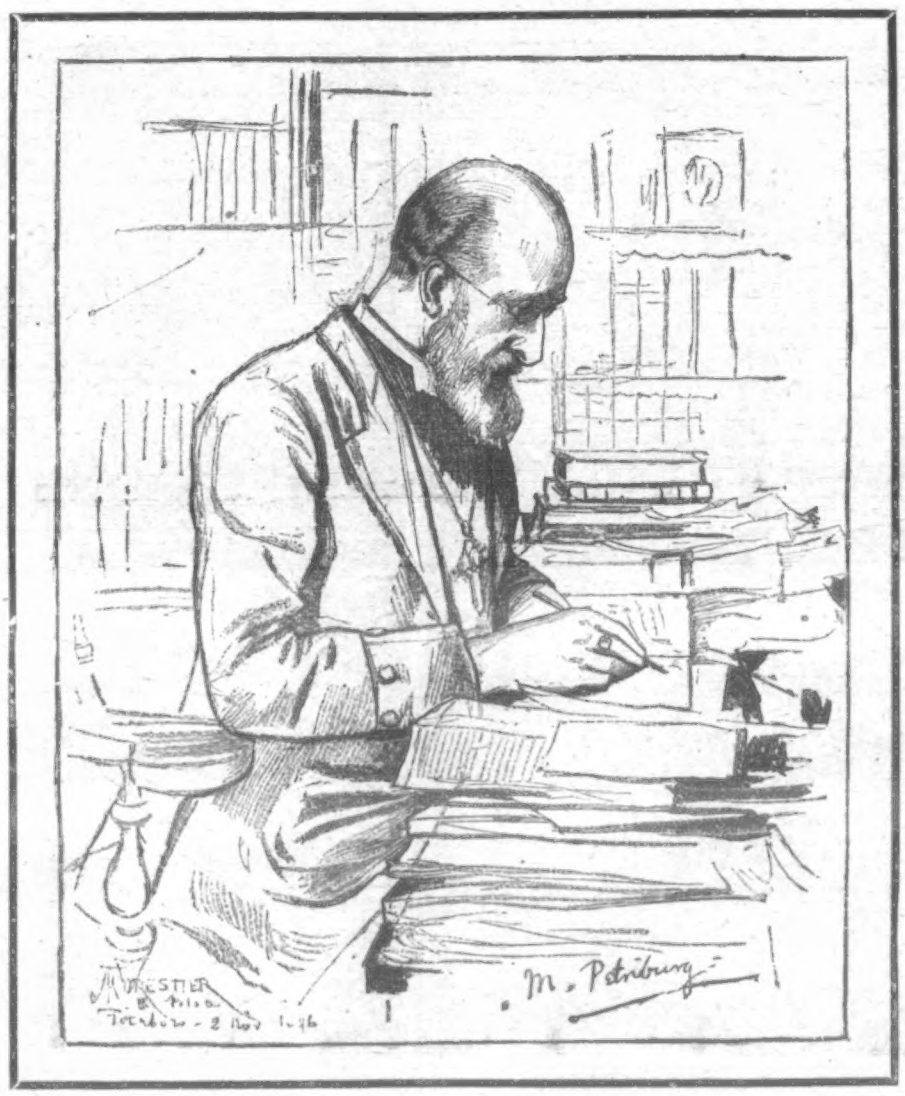
The City and Bath Have to Wait.

Lord Roberts was wise in his generation when he wrote to the Bath and City of London authorities to postpone his visits. In the present "unhappy circumstances in South Africa," his Lordship rightly thinks there should be no fêting of himself. But, of course, this decision does not apply to such private dinners as that of the United Service Club to "Bobs" at the Hotel Métropole.

"Bobs'" Faithful Indians.

The six handsome Indian orderlies attached to Lord Roberts during the Boer Campaign excited much public admiration as they rode in stately fashion after his Lordship's carriage on his drive from Paddington to Buckingham Palace. Right faithfully did they guard their chief. Their names are—

Duffadar Mirbadshah, 11th Bengal Lancers.
Duffadar Wadhawa Singh, 9th Bengal Lancers.
Duffadar Desa Singh, 6th Bengal Cavalry.
Duffadar Saleh Singh, 14th Bengal Lancers.
Duffadar Yussen Beg, 3rd Madras Lancers.
Duffadar Yeussff Ali Khan, 3rd Bombay Cavalry.



THE LATE BISHOP OF LONDON: THE RIGHT REV. MANDELL CREIGHTON, D.D.

Drawn from life by Mr. A. Forestier.

Under the charge of Captain A. G. Maxwell, 6th Bengal Cavalry, Lord Roberts's steadfast bodyguard has since been seeing the sights of London, and they were spied by a *P.I.P.* Artist the other night in a box at the Alhambra, courteously placed at their disposal by Mr. C. Dundas Slater, the manager. They particularly enjoyed the sparkling and vivacious new Paris Exhibition ballet, "The Gay City." Mr. John Tussaud has so wonderfully improved Madame Tussaud's that it is not surprising this loyal Indian band viewed with special relish the unrivalled waxworks show in its palatial home in the Marylebone Road.

The Death of the Bishop of London

at Fulham Palace last Monday morning was attended by exceptionally pathetic circumstances. The whole of his diocese may be said to have prayed for his recovery at Sunday service, in willing compliance with the apt suggestion of a London clergyman. But the prayers were in vain. To the infinite sorrow of Lady Creighton and the bereaved family, and of numbers who revered him for his noble life, Bishop Creighton breathed his last and passed away at the beginning of the week. It is to be feared the days of the mourned-for Prelate were shortened by over-pressure of work. A fair amount of labour is good for man, but too much wears away body and brain, and renders the constitution weak to resist the maladies flesh is heir to. The "Admirable Creighton"—Dr. Mandell Creighton—was the 120th Bishop of London, and was a tall, thin man with a fine grey beard. Carlisle had the distinction of giving birth to Mandell Creighton on July 5, 1843. Son of the late Mr. Robert Creighton, he was educated at Durham Grammar School and Merton College, Oxford, and was a D.D. of both Cambridge and Oxford. From the vicarage of Embleton he went to Alnwick, where he was Rural Dean from 1881-84. Canon Residentiary of Worcester Cathedral from '85 to '91, he was nominated Bishop of Peterborough in the last-named year, and was but a few years ago made Bishop of London. Among his voluminous works were "The Age of Elizabeth" and "History of the Papacy during the Reformation." It is melancholy to know that, as the *Daily News* reminds us, Bishop Creighton a year ago felt his time on this earth was short. Asked, then, for a New Year's motto, he sent the following touching verses—

Oh! earlier shall the roses blow,
In after years, those happier years;
And children weep, when we lie low,
Far fewer tears, far softer fears.

Oh! true shall boyish laughter ring,
Like tinkling chimes in happier times;
And merrier shall the maidens sing—
And I not there, and I not there.

The Rev. W. H. Fitchett's Heroic Story.

Charged with the fervour of an impassioned orator, echoing with the martial tramp of a British regiment, the vivid "Tale of the Great Mutiny," in the *Cornhill Magazine*, by the Rev. W. H. Fitchett, impregnates the reader with the whole-souled enthusiasm of that intensely patriotic author, the one writer who has, with his vivid pen, brought home to English readers of to-day the power of Blake and Nelson, of Wellington and the other historic warriors who have made the British Empire—in so far as War has made it. In the industrious Realm of Peace, Britons have fought as hard, and do still fight with all their might; and it is only because, in Peace as in War, we fight with inflexible will that we hold our own, and in extending the Empire of Queen Victoria hope to carry liberty and prosperity "Under the Union Jack."

The Success of "King Henry V.,"

at the Lyceum Theatre, has been quite phenomenal. More than once the receipts have amounted to over £400, every seat in the theatre being occupied. The manager who said "Shakspere spelt ruin" would have been staggered at the sight of the Lyceum auditorium several nights last week. I tried, but unsuccessfully, to find a seat to witness this noble performance a second time. Mr. Lewis Waller has never before reached so high a standard as an actor. His delivery of the great speeches is positively thrilling. Mr. Mollison and other members of the company are also admirable.

THE PROMPTER.

The Coming Census.—The Registrar-General has issued detailed instructions to superintendent registrars, registrars of births and deaths, and the enumerators who will be employed in the taking of the coming census. He has taken elaborate precautions to ensure as far as possible that not a single house or a single individual shall be overlooked.

Her Majesty's First-Class Cruiser "Blenheim" completed her preparations for sea at Sheerness last Saturday, and passed a satisfactory inspection by Vice-Admiral Sir W. R. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief at the Nore. The *Blenheim* is to join the British fleet on the China Station, in place of the cruiser *Undaunted*. The *Blenheim* is larger and faster than the *Undaunted*, and carries 107 additional men in her crew.

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KITCHENER'S TASK IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THE SCENE OF WAR

in South Africa is so vast, the country presents so many difficulties to surmount, and the well-horsed followers of Generals Botha and De Wet move so much more rapidly than our troops do, that the hardness of the task Lord Kitchener has to perform cannot be over-estimated. Happily, we have now at the head of the Army at home in Earl Roberts a Commander-in-Chief who is thoroughly acquainted with the gravity of the situation, and who is sending out as quickly as he can to his trusty successor as many reinforcements as he can get together.

A Snowstorm Sped the King's Dragoon Guards

from Aldershot in the small hours of Monday, Jan. 7. Indeed, the two squadrons of the 1st (King's) Dragoon Guards, who started by four special trains to embark at the Royal Albert Docks on the *Maplemore* for South Africa, had many difficulties in getting their horses safely entrained, owing to the blizzard and the frost.

The "Handy Man" Again Called Upon.

Captain Hedworth Lambton's Bluejackets rendered such splendid service to Sir George White in besieged Ladysmith that Jack was bound to be called upon in the new emergency that has arisen through De Wet's bold invasion of Cape Colony. Accordingly, H.M.S. *Sybil* anchored at Lambert Bay, and landed men and guns to intercept any Boers who might have the temerity to approach Cape Town in that direction. Needless to add that the intensely patriotic *P.F.P.* Artist, who rejoices in nothing so much as delineating the doings of gallant Jack, is prompt to present a picture of our fearless sailors, as glad and ready to serve their Queen and country ashore as afloat.

De Wet's Barbarity to Peace Agents.

General De Wet is himself adding to the brine of the rod in pickle for him. Lord Kitchener reports that three agents of the Peace Committee taken as prisoners in De Wet's laager near Lindley on Thursday week, Jan. 3, were "by De Wet's orders" flogged, while one who was a British subject was subsequently shot.

A Reuter telegram from Ventersburg, where Bruce Hamilton's brigade arrived on Saturday, reports that Lieutenant Spedding had an interview with Philip Botha, who, referring to De Wet's defeat at Bothaville, said: "It served him right for attempting anything when I am not present. I do all his scouting and dirty work and he gets all the credit."

Lord Kitchener's War Chronicle.

The following despatches have been received at the War Office from Lord Kitchener—

PRETORIA, Jan. 9.

On the night of 7th Boers made simultaneous and determined attacks on all our posts at Belfast and at Wonderfontein, Nooitgedacht, Wildfontein, and Pan.

A dense fog prevailed, and, taking advantage of the cover that it afforded, the Boers were able to creep up close to our positions.

Heavy fire continued until 3.40 a.m., when Boers were driven off.

One officer, Captain Fosbery, killed and three wounded

Twenty men killed and fifty-nine wounded.

Boer loss heavy, twenty-four dead being counted.

A convoy taking supplies to Gordon's Brigade north of Krugersdorp was attacked by Beyer's commando yesterday. The Boers were driven off, leaving eleven dead on the field. Our casualties, four men slightly wounded.

Lord Kitchener last Sunday reported to the War Office that "about 1400 Boers crossed the line on Saturday morning between Zuurfontein and Knalfontein, attacking both stations. They were driven off east, and followed up by Knox's Cavalry Brigade from Elandsfontein; two Boers were killed and left on ground; several were seen to fall; one field-cornet captured. Our casualties, two men killed, four wounded."

At Kaalfontein

Lieutenant Williams Freeman was in charge of ninety men of the Cheshire Mounted Infantry and twenty-five details, and he appears to have conducted the defence with great skill. Although fighting went on for six hours, the enemy shelling the place with two guns, there were no casualties on our side, although the enemy suffered loss — according to one version, heavy loss.

Trooper Park,

of the Cheshires, rode through the heavy Boer fire, and away to Olifantsfontein, where he telegraphed to Pretoria for reinforcements. They were promptly sent, but before they arrived the enemy made off. The first of two trains carried a company of the Rifles with a 15-pounder, and one shot reached the retreating enemy. The second train brought up a company of the Hampshire Regiment. Before these, the *Daily Mail* correspondent states that

The English Mail Train arrived on the Scene.

The driver, seeing the attack was about to be made, reversed his engine, and before the Boers could approach he was steaming full speed back. Several volleys were fired at the train, but no damage was done.

The Central News correspondent states that upon receipt of the news that the garrison was attacked,

General Knox, with the 2nd Cavalry Brigade,

immediately set out from Elandsfontein to assist the hard-pressed garrison; and Colonel Anderson, with 800 mounted infantry, pushed out from Pretoria at a gallop.

Boers Killed near Senekal.

Lord Kitchener reports that "General Boyes was engaged with enemy near Senekal; Commandant Dupreez and eight Boers killed; no [British] casualties."

Viljoen's Son Killed.

Among the Boers killed in the attack on Belfast last Monday se'nnight was a son of Commandant Viljoen. On the body was found a despatch from General Botha to Commandant Viljoen ordering him to take the important position of Spitzkop at all costs. Spitzkop was subsequently attacked, but the Boers were repulsed with loss.

A correspondent puts a different complexion on the Belfast fight. He states that sixty of the Irish Rifles were overwhelmed and had to surrender; but the Boers were forced to retire to avoid having their retreat cut off.

General Baden-Powell's Police.

The Colonial Office states that there is no foundation for the statement wh'ch appeared in a morning paper that recruiting for the South African Constabulary, Major-General Baden-Powell's force, has been stopped. Recruiting is actively proceeding, both at the London office, 1, Chapel Place, Delahay Street, S.W., and at every recruiting-station of the Army in the United Kingdom. It will be continued until the desired number of men has been raised.

Gerald Farrell's Heroism.

Reuter's Bultfontein representative relates a particularly interesting story of gallantry. The incident occurred during the march of the 21st Brigade to Hoopstad.

Half an hour after pitching camp for the night it was necessary to send a few shells over the Vaal. The horses of the 39th Battery, which were grazing at the time, started towards the former camping-ground. A few officers and gunners hurried after the animals, which were now going at full speed. In the excitement of the chase the men did not notice that the enemy were in the vicinity until they opened fire from the shrub. Veterinary Captain Gerald H. Farrell, who had voluntarily joined the chase, saw that the intention of the Boers was to capture the horses, and knowing that the gunners were unarmed, they having left in haste from the camp, he gallantly went to the rescue, and managed to prevent the enemy from rounding off the horses.

Captain Farrell carried a Mauser pistol and ten rounds of cartridges. The Boers made for him, whereupon he dismounted and let them have the ten rounds. He then mounted, and tried to ride off, but he had gone only a few yards when his horse was shot under him, and the enemy closed upon him.

Farrell's position can be imagined. The foremost Boer reached him with his rifle at the present, telling the officer to say his prayers as his time had come. Farrell accepted the inevitable in a thoroughly British manner, and told the Boer to shoot. A second Boer, however, came up and ordered the first man to lower his rifle. Farrell was then told to follow the Boers, but he eventually managed to find his way back to camp.

Clanwilliam,

which has been occupied by the Boer invaders, is 120 miles north of Cape Town.

The Dutch of Cape Colony generally are believed to be too shrewdly aware of the enormous power of Great Britain to join the Boer invaders openly. Meantime, it is hoped the venturesome marauders will be caught like rats in a trap by the British troops ready to meet them.

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HOW THE WORLD WAGS.

HER MAJESTY yesterday attained the age of George III.—namely, eighty-one years, seven months, and twenty-five days, thus becoming the oldest Sovereign who has ever ruled the United Kingdom, or any part of it. Long may she reign!

The Queen and the Welsh Hospital. Viscountess Parker, President of the Ladies' Committee of the Welsh Hospital for South Africa, sent the report on the work of the hospital to Osborne, and it was laid before the Queen by Sir A. Bigge. In a letter to the Viscountess, Sir A. Bigge wrote: "The Queen desires me to thank you, and say how gratified she is to know of the admirable work done by the hospital. At the same time Her Majesty grieves for the loss of the valuable lives among its staff in the fulfilment of their noble, self-sacrificing work."

The Prince of Wales concluded his visit to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire on Saturday last, and returned to town attended by Commander the Hon. Seymour Fortescue.

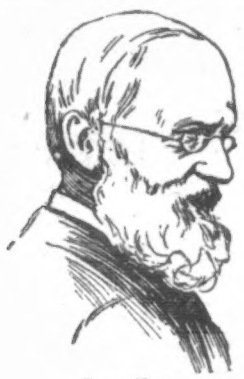
The Princess of Wales has presented Sir Alfred Cooper with a handsome diamond pin, accompanied by a letter of congratulation upon the honour of knighthood conferred upon him by the Queen. Sir Alfred, who is chairman and chief proprietor of the Gardner Gun and Engineering Company (Limited), converted the bijou theatre attached to his residence, The Gables, Surbiton, into a private military hospital at the beginning of the war as an adjunct of the Princess of Wales's hospital-ship, and has since maintained it as such at his own expense. Over 150 patients have been treated at the hospital.

Lord Roberts's wish for privacy was respected last Monday on the occasion of his second visit to the Queen. The hour of his departure from London was known only to those concerned, and the public at Cowes were ignorant of the arrangements. Here and there, however, his Lordship was recognised and warmly greeted.

By a Coincidence, the train which conveyed the Commander-in-Chief in a special saloon to Southampton also carried the Duchess of Saxe-Coburg. Neither distinguished passenger was aware of the other's presence until they met on the *Victoria and Albert*.

A Characteristic Incident took place in the passage from the train to the Royal yacht. Lord Roberts, recognising in a harbour constable one of the famous band which marched under his command to Kandahar, stopped. For a few minutes he remained chatting, and then passed on, smiling a "Good-bye."

Beer-Poisoning Commission.—It is satisfactory to learn that a Royal Commission has already been appointed to make investigations regarding the beer-poisoning epidemic. The Commissioners are Lord Kelvin, Sir W. Hart Dyke, Sir W. S. Church, President of the Royal College of Physicians; Professor T. E. Thorpe, Government Analyst; Mr. H. Cosmo Bonsor, and Dr. B. A. Whitelegge, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Factories. Dr. G. S. Buchanan, one of the medical inspectors of the Local Government Board, is the Secretary to the Commission. Lord Kelvin is a high authority on scientific matters, his career having been a most distinguished one. He will be seventy-seven in June next, and is the son of the late Dr. Thomson, Professor of Mathematics at Glasgow University.



LORD KELVIN.

Signor Mascagni, the popular composer of "Cavalleria Rusticana," has just completed a new opera, "Le Maschere." It is founded on the same libretto as Verdi's "Ballo in Maschera" and Auber's "Gustavus; or, The Masked Ball." Signor Mascagni has arranged to produce his new opera in several Italian cities on the same evening—an altogether novel plan. Thus Rome, Venice, Genoa, Milan, Turin, and one or two other cities will pronounce their verdicts on the same night. The composer has had great difficulty in making the various conductors comprehend the effects he wishes to produce. "Le Maschere" is written in a somewhat old-fashioned style, the orchestral portion being treated in a similar fashion to that adopted by Rossini, of which Wagner said grimly: "The band is strumming like a gigantic guitar." But Signor Mascagni has stated in the Italian Press his belief that "the composers of modern Italy are too much given to sensationalism." Unquestionably Signor Puccini in "La Tosca," and Spinelli in "A Basso Porto," have severely taxed the nerves of modern opera audiences. It is just possible that we may hear "Le Maschere" in London. We hope it may bear comparison with Verdi's "Ballo in Maschera," an opera exquisitely melodious and splendidly dramatic.

Madame Liza Lehmann's "Daisy Chain." All musicians and amateurs know and admire Madame Liza Lehmann's beautiful setting of the Eastern poem "In a Persian Garden." It has become universally popular. This gifted lady's latest composition, "The Daisy Chain," was heard last Sunday at Queen's Hall. Madame Lehmann calls it a song-cycle, the songs being settings of verses by Robert Louis Stevenson, Miss Alma-Tadema, Messrs. Rands, Norman Gale, and others. The vocalists were Madame Esty, Madame Marian Mackenzie, and Messrs. O'Mara and Denham Price. Some of the solos were charming, and the portions arranged as vocal quartets displayed the ability of the fair composer to the greatest advantage.

Mr. Linley Sambourne.—This clever cartoonist, on account of the retirement of Sir John Tenniel, has succeeded to the post of chief cartoonist of *Punch*. Mr. Sambourne is a Londoner, his father being a City merchant in St. Paul's Churchyard. Mr. M. H. Spielmann, in the *Daily Graphic*, says that "it was somewhat a timid and a halting début that Mr. Sambourne made in *Punch* on a certain memorable April 27, 1867. It was with one of several sketches which a friend of Sambourne, then a young drawing-student in Messrs. Penn's engineering drawing-office, had shown to Mark Lemon. This first sketch, representing John Bright in fool's cap and bells, coming to grief in his tilt against a Reform Bill quintain." From that day he moved steadily forward, and is to be sincerely complimented on the unique position he has lately been called upon to occupy.

MR. LINLEY SAMBOURNE, *Punch's* Chief Cartoonist.

A Disaster of an extraordinary and, in some respects, unprecedented character, has plunged into mourning many families in the immediate neighbourhood of Manchester. The scene of the calamity was the hat-factory of Messrs. Joseph Wilson and Son at Denton, a busy little town between Manchester and Hyde. While work in the factory was in full swing about eleven o'clock last Monday morning, a terrific explosion took place in what is known as the "proofing" or "stove" room, in which a large quantity of methylated spirit was stored.

The Building, in which between forty and fifty operatives were at work, was literally blown to pieces. Nine persons were instantaneously killed, and three others so terribly injured that they died in the course of the afternoon; while between thirty and forty workpeople were more or less hideously maimed and mutilated.

"Daily News" New Editor.—To-day is essentially the day for changes in newspaperdom, scarcely a week passing without a startling item relative to impending alterations in the personnel—or the political opinions—of one or other of our leading journals. The most recent change has occurred in the ranks of the *Daily News*, Mr. E. T. Cook having resigned the editorship. Mr. Rudolf C. Lehmann succeeds him. The new editor and part proprietor has won a reputation as a humorist and writer of *Punch* verses, and as an oarsman. For many years he has been on the staff of *Punch*. Although he could pull a good oar when he was at Cambridge, and rowed for his college, he was never in the 'Varsity Eight. He has since gained distinction as a rowing coach, and has had both the Oxford and Cambridge crews under his care. Mr. Lehmann has been an unsuccessful Parliamentary candidate on three occasions, contesting Cheltenham, in the Liberal interest, in 1885, Central Hull in 1886, and Cambridge Town in 1892. A grandson of Robert Chambers, he is a nephew of Mr. Rudolf Lehmann, the well-known painter and author. Mr. E. T. Cook, M.A., merits warmest praise for his journalistic skill in brightening the columns of the *Daily News*, and for settling by genial arbitration two great strikes.

MR. R. C. LEHMANN, M.A.

The Lamented Death of Mr. C. L. Carson, editor of the *Stage*, Past Master of the Savage Club Lodge of Freemasons, is mourned deeply in journalistic circles, where his good nature endeared him to everyone. His services to the theatrical profession were so great that the sock and buskin fraternity will be ungrateful indeed if they do not endow a Carson cot in some hospital to his memory or erect a fitting memorial-stone over his grave.

The O.P. Club, which was founded by that enthusiastic lover of the theatre, Mr. Carl Hentschel (formerly the life and soul also of the Playgoers' Club), held its first annual dinner at the Criterion Restaurant last Sunday evening. The chair was taken by Mr. Cecil Raleigh, the President, who said every manager producing Shakspere's plays ought to pay 2½ per cent. of his profits to the theatrical charities, as he had no author's fees to pay. Mr. Tree and Mr. George Alexander were starred as the Actor-Managers, but Mr. Cyril Maude and Mr. Lewis Waller were also present, with Mr. Arthur à Beckett, who, as President of the Institute of Journalists, spoke with habitual grace in response to Mr. Lindo's toast of the Press. Mr. Findon, dramatic critic of the *Morning Advertiser* and President of the Playgoers' Club, presides next Sunday at the banquet of the Playgoers' Club.

FACSIMILE OF THE "HEROD" MENU.

PREPARED BY MR. CARL HENTSCHEL FOR THE FIRST ANNUAL DINNER OF THE O.P. CLUB.

Mr. Tree at the O.P. Club Dinner.—It is well known that Mr. Beerbohm Tree has bitterly resented certain passages in the articles of a well-known newspaper critic. At the aforesaid dinner of the O.P. Club at the Criterion last Sunday night the distinguished actor spoke his mind freely in a brilliant defence of the drama and its representatives. He gave the critics some hard knocks, and said he "preferred the verdict of the Public to that of the Press." But he seemed to forget the Press represents the Public. Happily, there are critics who fully appreciate his talent and cultivated taste, while his generous desire to aid in reviving the poetic drama must appeal to all refined playgoers. Respecting first-night audiences, Mr. Tree, though not admiring the "booing" system, thought audiences had a right to express approval or otherwise of a new play.

Mrs. Beerbohm Tree is, we are glad to hear, announced to appear as Maria in the forthcoming revival of "Twelfth Night." Some of Maria's speeches, especially those addressed to Sir Toby, require the utmost care on the part of an actress to prevent them becoming coarse. But Mrs. Tree has admirable taste, and her delivery is so refined that she will, no doubt, give a new interest to the character, making it as sprightly and amusing as Shakspere intended it to be. The production of this fine comedy is likely to prove most successful.

A Concert at which Arthur Roberts and Robert Martin ("Ballyhooley" Martin), Violet Cameron and Marguerite Cornille, besides a host of others, are to sing, is sure to be very attractive. Such a concert is to be given as a tribute to the popular dramatic author, Mr. Henry Beauchamp, at St. Martin's Town Hall next Friday night.

A Farmer's Courtship.—The love affairs of John Brain were discussed before Mr. Justice Bucknill at the Law Courts last Monday, and he will have to pay considerably over £250 for the privilege of this publicity. Brain was defendant in an action for breach of promise of marriage brought by Miss Symantha Ellen Brown, now in service at Carshalton.

In the Intervals of Love-Making Brain followed agricultural pursuits, Miss Brown describing him as a farmer with a banking account. After the manner of defendants in breach of promise cases, Brain belittled his worldly position and instructed his counsel to say he was "in a position half-way between a farm labourer and a farmer." It was as a farmer's son at Corton Denham, in Somersetshire, that Miss Brown denied. As she could not bear the taunts of the villagers after this, Miss Brown had to leave Corton Denham. Subsequently she heard that Mr. Brain intended marrying a Miss Croft. She wrote to him: "You cannot marry both of us." He described the statement about Miss Croft in emphatic terms as a falsehood. The jury awarded Miss Brown £250 damages, with costs.

The Chicago King.—No one has ever escaped hearing the horribly truthful couplet which begins "Early to bed, and early to rise," but not everyone acts up to it. Those who do should read with interest the life of the late Mr. P. D. Armour, of Chicago, whose death was announced on the 6th inst. Beginning life "with a shoe-string," an American phrase for nothing, he amassed one of the greatest fortunes in the world—£10,000,000 at least, it is said. One of the secrets of his amazing success was his capacity for early rising. He was at his office in Chicago every day at seven o'clock in the morning, winter and summer. He employed a large army of clerks and assistants, but he was generally at work before any of them put in an appearance.

THE LATE MR. PHILIP D. ARMOUR.

GENERAL VIEW OF CAPE TOWN.

SHOWING THE PARLIAMENT HOUSE AND THE CELEBRATED TABLE MOUNTAIN.

Brain became engaged to Miss Brown during 1885. She was then lady's-maid at the rectory, her age being twenty-eight, and that of her sweetheart twenty-two.

The Engagement was a long one, continuing until 1899. In the interim Brain came to London and stayed at a Piccadilly hotel. He wrote to his lady-love—

> "What a lot there are to catch one if they could, but I am not to be tempted. You are the only girl I have kissed for three years, and I hope it may be the same in the next three years."

With another letter he sent her a motto from a box of crackers. It ran—

> "My love for you is not a spark,
> Which only flashes in the dark,
> But like a steady shining star,
> Whose light is seen from near and far."

Somewhat Suddenly the engagement was terminated in 1899—by mutual consent, defendant said, but this

London and Globe Finance Corporation. The Marquis of Dufferin's reception at the meeting of the above Corporation was noteworthy for its cordiality. Lord Dufferin is a remarkable personality. He was born on June 21, 1826. From 1849-1852, and from 1854-1858 he acted as Lord-in-Waiting to the Queen, in 1855 being attached to Earl Russell's Special Mission to Vienna. In 1859-60 he was Special Commissioner to Syria. Other brilliant services were as Under Secretary of State for India, 1864-1866; Under Secretary for War, 1866; Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Paymaster-General, 1868; Governor-General of Canada, 1872: Ambassador to the Emperor of Russia, 1879; and to the Sultan of Turkey, 1881; Special Commissioner to Egypt, 1882; Vice-Admiral of Ulster, 1883; Governor-General of India, 1884; Ambassador to the King of Italy, 1888; to the French Republic, 1891. From 1891-95 he was the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports and Constable of Dover Castle, and was Lord Rector of St. Andrews University from 1895-98. The Marquis, at the reconstruction meeting last Monday, announced his retirement from the Board, but declared that he would retain his share and his interest in the company. Mr. Whitaker Wright, at the same meeting, said he was negotiating for the sale of the Baker Street-Waterloo Underground Electric Railway for £500,000 (surely a great sacrifice!), and that the sale would enable the Board to dispose of the creditors. Liquidators of the Corporation were appointed, and the directors were instructed to aid them in the reconstruction of the company.

LORD DUFFERIN.

Cape Town is a most charmingly situated spot. To the visitor walking through its streets it presents a curious appearance. Side by side with the Dutch house of four-score years ago—solid, square-fronted, and with substantial "stoeps"—stands the up-to-date English villa, with painted verandah, and slate or corrugated-iron roof.

The Cape Houses of Parliament are situated at the lower end of the Avenue, and are rightly considered the most elegant buildings in the colony. They were erected in 1886 at a cost of £220,000. There are undoubtedly many parts in South Africa where the scenery is of extreme grandeur, but there is certainly nothing more noble than the picturesqueness of Table Mountain as viewed from the suburbs of Cape Town. The Devil's Peak, the mountain on the left as the visitor enters the docks, is 3300 ft. in height.

Mr. Sam Lewis was one of the most favourably known members of the money-lending profession, as his business was, perhaps, the most extensive of the kind in this or any other country. About six months ago Mr. Lewis retired from active duty, promising himself a well-earned repose. But he was not destined long to enjoy his leisure. On Jan. 3, while watching the reception in London of Lord Roberts, he was suddenly seized with a spasm of the heart, owing to a chill caught in the raw air. Mr. Henry Dutch, his medical attendant, was immediately summoned, and Sir William Broadbent was also called in. A favourable recovery was hoped for, but the foggy weather exasperated Mr. Lewis's condition, and produced an attack of asthma on the very eve of a well-marked change for the better. His sufferings terminated last Sunday afternoon at his residence, 23, Grosvenor Square, at the age of sixty-three. Mr. Lewis began life in a very small way.

THE LATE MR. SAM LEWIS.

Lord Glenesk, whose name is creditably connected with the best newspaper charities, will preside at the sixty-second annual general meeting of the Newsvendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution on Feb. 12, at Memorial Hall Buildings, Farringdon Street, at 7 p.m., to receive the report and balance-sheet, to elect pensioners, and a trustee in the room of the late Mr. Peter Terry. The attendance of all interested in the welfare of this extremely serviceable society is desired, writes the zealous Secretary, Mr. W. Wilkie Jones.

The Yarmouth Murder.—Mr. Marshall Hall, Q.C., who has been retained for the defence of Bennett, has received his brief from Mr. E. Elvy Robb, solicitor, of Tunbridge Wells. The trial will take place at Norwich assizes, which open on Monday, Jan. 28. The Lord Chief Justice will try the case.

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THE WORLD OF PASTIME.

DEFEAT OF NEWCASTLE UNITED BY STOKE.

THIS result provoked probably more comment than anything else in the football way on Saturday last. It is true the match was played at Stoke, and that the fog may have had its effect, but then Newcastle United were almost at the top of the list, and Stoke were at the bottom. One cannot help sympathising with the Novocastrians, yet upon reflection it must be admitted that such unlooked-for results do no harm to the competition. Stoke did not just scrape home; they won by two goals to none.

Notts Forest, the Leaders,

had against them Manchester City, and they were at home, so that their victory came not in the light of a surprise. It was accomplished by four goals to two after a wonderfully fast and vigorous second half. Sunderland may be said to have thrashed Wolverhampton Wanderers, for they won by seven goals to two, the most decisive affair of the League series of the day. Bury had not the better of the play in their match against Sheffield Wednesday, but they scored two goals to one, which, after all, was everything. Notts County played a draw with Bolton Wanderers—that is to say, the game was stopped on account of the mist which prevailed.

Aston Villa Again Beaten.

To Everton the former went, and, watched by 15,000 persons, they fell before the local club. Two goals to one in favour of Everton was the position at half-time, and though Aston Villa subsequently played up very hard in the hope of success, they failed to alter the score. Fog caused Liverpool and West Bromwich Albion to postpone their match; the Blackburn Rovers beat Sheffield United; and Derby County and Preston North End played a draw. In the

Second Division

the result most interesting to Southerners was the victory of Woolwich Arsenal over Burton Swifts, though any other ending would have come as a surprise. This success cannot be said to have actually advanced the Arsenal's cause, for Grimsby Town (beat Leicester Fosse by four goals to one), Small Heath (beat New Brighton by four goals to none), and Burnley (beat Newton Heath by one goal to none) also proved victorious.

Southern Leaguers.

The three clubs standing at the head of the list all maintained their places by means of victories worthily gained. Southampton, indeed, on their own ground, scored five goals to none against New Brompton; at home Bristol City beat West Ham United by one goal to none; while Millwall, as hosts, sent Bristol Rovers away reflecting upon a four goals to none defeat. Reading were beaten by Gravesend, Kettering by Queen's Park Rangers, and Swindon Town held their own with Tottenham Hotspur, who seem this season to be of little use away from home.

Sheriff of London's Charity Shield.

For this competition the clubs selected are Corinthians and Aston Villa, and they are to meet at the Crystal Palace on Saturday, March 2.

London Senior Cup.

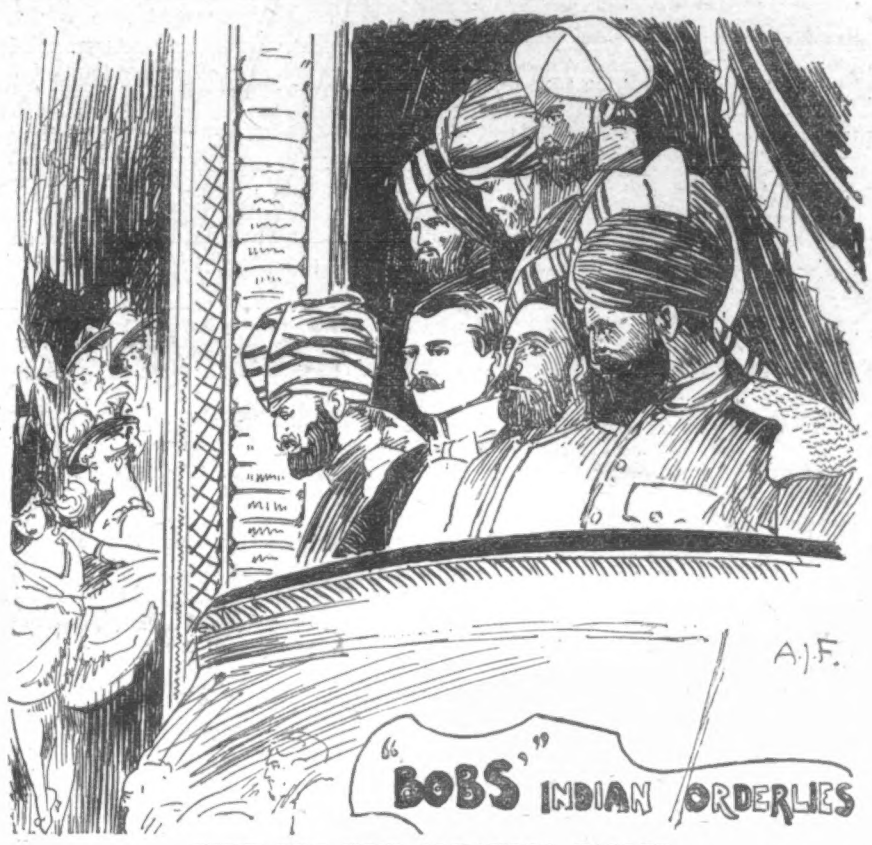
The keenly anticipated meeting of Old Carthusians and Old Westminsters in the London Cup first round could not, unfortunately, be brought off, for at the time fixed upon the neighbourhood of the Queen's Club, West Kensington, was enveloped in fog. The match stands postponed until Saturday in the present week. The Casuals and London Caledonians were more fortunate, as they were able to bring off their match at Tufnell Park, but it proved a very one-sided affair. The Caledonians are this season hard pushed for men, and they made a very indifferent show, being beaten by six goals to none.

A Disappointment for Rugby Unionists.

Richmond and Leicester were to have played on the ground of the former on Saturday, but there was so much fog that it was decided to abandon the game. It was, therefore, singular to find the ground occupied by the London Scottish and St. Thomas's Hospital. This match was, however, somewhat of a scratch affair, as several Scots failing to turn up on account of the fog, their places were taken by Richmond men, and the play was very difficult to watch. The medicos were overmatched, but set up a strong defence, notwithstanding which they were defeated by 15 points to none.

Blackheath v. Manchester

was played at the Rectory Field, where the mist was so dense. The Northerners only mustered fourteen, so the home side decided to play with the same number. This did not level matters so far as play was concerned, for Blackheath proved by far the superior side. They scored two tries in the first half, and at the close their score amounted to 19 points, while Manchester failed to make a point. Old Merchant Taylors and Old Leysians met at Eltham, and the first-named proved their excellence, winning by six points to none. Northampton beat Coventry, Cardiff beat Penarth, and Kensington beat Croydon. Swansea and Devonport Albion, and Bristol and Newport, finished up with "honours easy," as also did London Irish and Sutton, which was rather a surprise after the good things the Irishmen have done this season. The Harlequins beat Lennox, and Marlborough Nomads beat Rosslyn Park.



VIEW THE NEW ALHAMBRA BALLET.

See "Talk of London."

Cross Country.

On Saturday the South London Harriers decided their ten-mile handicap for the Nicholson Cup at South Croydon. A. Shrubb was at scratch, and he further distinguished himself by winning in 62 min. 8 sec. J. H. Bessell, with 2 min. 10 sec. start, was second; and R. E. Wilks, 8 min. 30 sec., a long way behind, was third. The Page Challenge Cup handicap of the Ranelagh Harriers resulted in favour of H. F. Taylor, 50 sec. start, but J. G. Gibb, 20 sec. start, who was second, accomplished the best time—namely, 29 min. 3 sec. The scratch man, F. Copper, covered the distance in 30 min. 43 sec. A seven miles handicap of the Polytechnic Harriers was won by H. W. Klumb, who had 7 min. 20 sec. start; a handicap of the same distance promoted by the Unity A.C. was won by G. Pearce (2 min. 45 sec. start), and the seven miles handicap of the Essex Beagles fell to C. Coombes (5 min. start).

The Billiard Association Tournament.

A tie between J. G. Sala (125 start) and J. North (110) was the result of this competition, brought to a close at the Gaiety on Saturday. Each player won six games and lost one. J. Mack and C. Harverson each won four and lost three; W. Osborne and F. Bateman each won three and lost four; and H. W. Stevenson (champion) won two and lost five. C. Dawson and E. Diggle did not take part, being engaged in a match of 21,000 (Diggle receiving 3000) at the Argyll Hall.

Thoughts of Summer

are awakened by the meeting of river regatta secretaries, but it is only that the officials are taking time by the forelock so as to have everything in order before the arrival of the aquatic season, which will not be with us yet. Henley Royal Regatta is to take place on July 3, 4, and 5, and other regattas have been fixed as follows: Walton, Saturday, June 15; Kingston, Saturday, July 13; Metropolitan, Thursday, July 18; Staines, Saturday, July 20; Molesey, Friday and Saturday, July 26 and 27; Goring and Streatley, Saturday, Aug. 3; Reading, Monday, Aug. 5; and Marlow, Saturday, Aug. 10. It will be seen that Walton will try the experiment of holding a regatta in June prior to Henley, and that Goring has been fixed provisionally for the first Saturday in August, the usual date for Windsor and Eton.

BANSHEE.

THE RACING WORLD.

THE Racing World was much astonished on being told that

Mr. Abe Bailey meant to Sell off his Stud of Horses.

This African millionaire had his fair share of good luck and held a capital sample of animals, with whom his trainers could in all probability have done well enough to satisfy an owner who raced for pleasure, and, while glad to make a profit, would be quite satisfied if the year's account of expenses and receipts did not show much loss.

As it is, his horses will be put up for sale by auction next week (as some were before) at Newmarket, when the

Late Lord William Beresford's

and some of old Tom Jennings's will be offered. The Raft will, I expect, make the biggest price of Mr. Bailey's contingent. He is practically an unknown quantity.

When he Won at Goodwood

the betting said that he was "no good." If ever a horse went like a "stiff 'un" this was an example on which you might fasten for lecturing purposes. The Raft won; but towards the close of the betting the more money you wanted to put on him the longer was the price offered you. About this affair I have my own opinion, and shall keep to that same. The Raft was "straight" or "crooked," one or the other, that must be so for certain.

An Old Warrior

who will come up for sale—namely, Mount Prospect—will probably go for much less than his value. He has reputation as a great deal better horse at home than when out.

Mount Prospect,

as I judge him, is one of the sort who will only tell you the truth if raced or tried with plenty of companions. Whoever may happen to buy him, and works up to this idea well, ought not to repent of his bargain. He will not be "put wrong" in trials.

A long while ago I told *P.I.P.* readers that I thought I had picked out the horse most likely

To Win the Grand National Steeplechase.

For various reasons I did not care to name my selection, nor will I now. As it is, I believe I should go very close indeed in standing two against the field—a ridiculous wager, because you can get good odds that neither will come up. Still I *have* a great fancy for each of two animals. One of them is Hidden Mystery, probably the best chaser seen for years—the best, barring one. That one I will not name for a little while.

Talking of Steeplechasing,

I must congratulate that bold steeplechase-rider, Mr. Joe Widger, and the lady equally fearless in the hunting-field, Miss Norris, on their marriage. A better sportswoman you will not find than Miss Norris, and a more practical, versed in all details of management from paddock to course, never lived. *P.I.P.* friends, we will, if you please, wish them all good luck, though myself I owe them a grudge. The last time that I met them was at a Southdown Hunt meet only a day or two before the wedding.

Joe was Riding Old Wild Man from Borneo,

who won the Grand National and looked beautiful—the Wild Man, not Joe. The Wild Man gave me no tip, neither did his master, nor Miss Norris, as to the forthcoming wedding. They left me in the cold, although I am a neighbour. I mean to serve one of them out, for I will never again speak to Miss Norris, though I shall be pleased to meet Mrs. Widger and congratulate her on changing her name.

Her uncle's horse, Waterford (Mr. Bell Irving owned him), would have won the National by the length of a good long street had fate been kind. May she come by as good a one!

Of racing news I am innocent, as are the sporting papers. What little is of importance is bad, as, for instance, poor

Fitton's Accident at Plumpton,

a much improved meeting, and the determined efforts some silly news-agency men are urging to make Tod Sloan's situation as bad as possible. We hear about races to come as regards entries, and are told now and then of

Two Thousand Guineas and Derby Betting.

But few care to look ahead to summer racing, and as for the classic races, they are almost things of the past in respect to future event wagering. If I had to bet for hedging purposes, I should back Toddington; but I prefer to wait and not bet.

BENDIGO.

Alone but Impregnable.

SHOULD the foemen cross the waters with a jealous world in tow,
They would find our little island all expectant and aglow
At the prospect of a tussle for the whole world's championship,
And the end for all awaiting who have dared the Lion's grip.

For from capital and city, and from hamlet, vale, and hill,
Ere the war-drum ceased to rattle or the bugle-song was still,
Would arise a mighty army like a second sturdy sea
Round the freeman's Isle which ever shall the Isle of Freedom be.

Down in London town would clatter implements of labour all,
And the streets once more re-echo to the old apprentice call:
"To the rescue!" 'Twould be soldiers to the left of us and right,
And a city full of soldiers ere the foemen loomed in sight.

Yorkshiremen as bluff and burly as the winds that fan the wold
Would be found in England's vanguard as their fathers were of old;
And the fire of steel be kindled on the South-down Hills again,
As the squires of Kent and Sussex led to war their yeoman train.

Forth would flame once more the bonfires from old Dover to Carlisle,
As in days when English bluffness proved a match for Spanish guile;
And from fighting Devon would follow in the coming battle's wake
Men with hearts as tough as Hawkins', stubborn-souled as doughty Drake.

From the Midlands unto Cornwall, from the Shannon to the Tweed,
Men would own alone one Motherland, one common hour of need;
And where once Llewellyn kindled warlike worth that ne'er shall die,
They would stand, those stubborn Welshmen, as they stood in days gone by.

On through Colonies of homeland would the martial clangour go;
They would claim their British birthright—leave to fight and rout a foe.
And where flies the English banner 'neath an Indian sun of flame,
Men would muster for the saving of that Lion flag from shame.

And if friends we trust should fail us, one for Britain still would fight,
With whose might we made alliance in the ages passed from sight.
Ere should land the proud Invader, ere he shook our island throne,
High as heav'n would rise the Ocean, for the Ocean guards its own.

'Twould be Nature against Science, destiny 'gainst circumstance,
Ay, and destiny and Nature sport at science and at chance;
Wind and wave would end the contest, finding voice in stormy glee,
"Vain your boasts, for only Britons are at home upon the sea.
We are one as we have ever been, and evermore shall be."

KATE BISHOP ("Kay Bee").

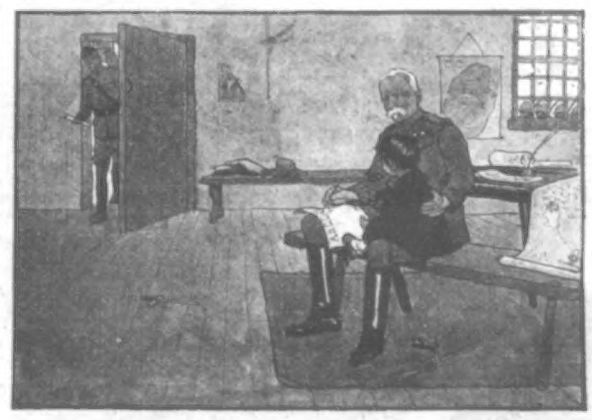
Sir T. Lipton's Challenger.—Messrs. William Denny and Brothers, shipbuilders, Dumbarton, now officially announce that they are building *Shamrock II.*, the new America Cup challenger, for Sir Thomas Lipton, from the designs of Mr. G. L. Watson.

Miss Bessie Wentworth, the music-hall artist, was buried at Tooting on Saturday last, the funeral being attended by three hundred people. The floral tributes included an imitation of Miss Wentworth's coon-hat, sent by the lady who takes her part in the Broadway Theatre pantomime, and a heart of white lilies, pierced by a scarlet geranium arrow, from Mr. Alec Ross, who was engaged to the deceased.

"My love for you is not a spark, Which only flashes in the dark,
But like a steady, shining star, Whose light is seen from near and far."

A FARMER'S BREACH OF PROMISE CASE.

See "How the World Wags."



"BOBS" AS SCHOOLMASTER.

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CHESS.

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C. JIMMONS.—In Problem No. 354, if 1. Q to Kt 3rd, K to K 5th; then 2. Q to Kt 7th, mate. The standard German treatise on chess is the German Handbook (Veit and Co., Leipsic).

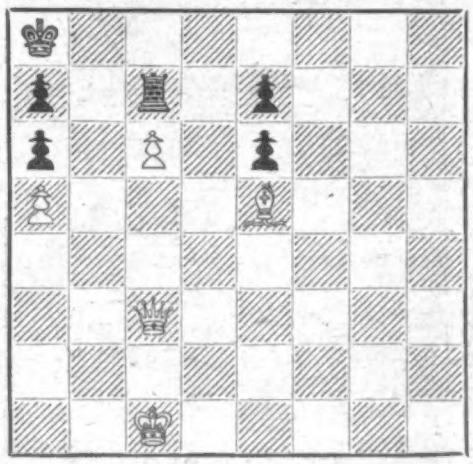
C. E. KNIGHT.—Your second solution of Problem No. 353, by J. Jerabek—namely, 1. Q takes Kt, is quite sound. The problem, "a Bohemian," induces me to draw attention to the fact that chess editors abroad require to be educated up to the wholesome practice of acknowledging faulty problems. I shall know in future that the fact of a problem being published abroad, and the solution given, as in the case of No. 353, is no guarantee of its soundness.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 356.

1. R to K 5th	K takes R	2. Q to Kt 2nd	Mate
1. ,,	B takes R	2. Q to Q 8th	,,
1. ,,	Q takes Q	2. Kt to Q 7th	,, etc.

PROBLEM No. 357.—BY B. PRIKRYL.

BLACK (Six Pieces).



WHITE (Five Pieces).

White to play, and mate in two moves.

CORRESPONDENCE PLAY.

Chess, the king of games, has the advantage, unapproachable by any other pastime, in its correspondence-play. A hermit living many miles from any town, or even railway station, may play games, as many as he likes, with either his equals or with the world's best players, sitting by his fireside, and thus fill up his time engaged in the fascinating pursuit, which, if necessary, is sufficiently engrossing to constitute a purpose in life, especially when the ebb-tide is flowing quickly.

In the great correspondence match between the South and North of England, the South has a decided lead. Twenty-five out of the hundred games are now finished. Of these the South have won eighteen, and the North seven. We append one of the games played in this match, which was won by the well-known London player, Mr. S. Passmore. Game played on Board No. 8.

WHITE (J. Wilson, Louth).	BLACK (S. Passmore, London).
1. P to Q 4th	P to Q 4th
2. P to Q B 4th	P to K 4th

Rather an interesting counter gambit, which has not been sufficiently analysed. Occasionally Lasker and other players have resorted to this move, but we have hardly sufficient experience to warrant us in giving an *obiter dictum* on this defence.

3. P takes K P	P to Q 5th
4. Kt to K B 3rd	Kt to Q B 3rd
5. P to Q R 3rd	K Kt to K 2nd
6. B to Kt 5th	P to K R 3rd
7. B takes Kt	B takes B

The exchange was necessary to prevent Black playing Kt to Kt 3rd, with a view to recapturing the King's Pawn; but it is obvious that, compared to the usually very crammed state of the second player's game in this opening, Black has attained a very fine development. Both his Bishops are actively developed, which is much more than White can say.

8. Q Kt to Q 2nd	P to B 3rd

Black has the courage of his belief in a good development. He does not further trouble about winning the Pawn on King's fourth, but offers to exchange, and by retaking the Pawn with the Bishop, he would make it difficult for White to move his King's Pawn, and also gain the open Bishop's and King's file for his Rooks. He would also threaten P to Q 6th, followed by B takes Kt P, disorganising White's Queen's wing; against this threat neither R to Q Kt 1st nor R to Q B 2nd would be a very satisfactory defence.

9. P to K 3rd	Q P takes P
10. P takes K P	Castles
11. Q to Kt 3rd	Kt takes P
12. B to K 2nd	R to Kt 1st
13. R to Q 1st	B to K 3rd
14. Q to B 3rd	Q to Q 3rd

Black's tactics are admirable. He now makes preparations for hemming in and surrounding White's weak King's Pawn.

15. Kt to Q 4th	

White's best plan was to run while he could. Castling was requisite.

15.	P to Q B 4th
16. Kt takes B	Q takes Kt
17. Kt to B 3rd	Kt to Kt 5th
18. R to Q 3rd	Q R to Q 1st

Practically the winning move.

19. P to R 3rd	R takes R
20. Q takes R	R to Q 1st
21. Q to B 3rd	Kt takes P
22. K to B 2nd	B to Q 3rd
23. B to Q 3rd	P to B 4th
24. B to Kt 1st	B to K 1st
25. Q to Q 3rd	B to Kt 6 (ch)

Black has consistently played well throughout the game. If now 26. K takes B, then Q to Kt 3rd (ch) wins.

26. K to Kt 1st	Kt to Q 8th
27. P to K R 4th	Kt to B 7th
28. Q to Q 5th	Q takes Q
29. P takes Q	Kt takes R
30. K takes Kt	R to K 7th
31. K to Kt 1st	R takes Q Kt P

White resigns.

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BY A FRESH HAND.

On Early Peas and Trial Ground.

THE recent very severe weather gave gardeners a fright, for, as the frost was quite unexpected, many plants which should have had protection were left uncovered, with the inevitable result. As regards early peas, they may be sown out of doors any time from November onwards, but the spring is generally the season when the largest quantities of both early and main crop marrow peas are put in, extending to June for the latest crops. They thrive best in ground that has been deeply trenched and manured for a previous crop; the seeds should be planted from 1½ in. to 3 in. deep, in either single or double rows, and the taller varieties must be staked when they are from 4 in. to 6 in. high; the tallest

EARLY PEAS.

kinds should not be less than 6 ft. apart in rows, and the dwarf varieties half this distance.

Hanging Ferns.

I cannot tell my Moseley (Lancs) correspondent that I have tried the fern-balls now so extensively advertised, but I have seen them in various stages of growth, and certainly think, as a novelty, they are well worth trying. They are sold in the dry form at prices ranging from 3s. to 5s. each, the one of which I give an Illustration showing the first year's growth. The cultivation of them is as follows: Soak the ball for an hour or two, in rain-water if possible. Let it drain, then hang up in a greenhouse or window. It should be taken down

A HANGING FERN.

and watered two or three times a week, and kept moist, according to the dryness of the atmosphere in which it is placed. In due time it will throw off a mass of dainty fronds. The latter are very pretty, and will remain in luxuriance through the summer; they will turn yellow in autumn, and drop off. The fern should be kept in a dry state during the winter months. Fresh fronds will come again with renewed vigour when watered in the following spring.

A Useful Fruit.

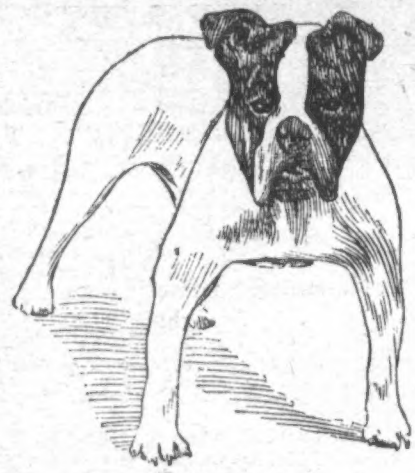
In seasons when plums are scarce, the white bullace, of which I give an Illustration, often comes in very useful. It makes a capital preserve, and is also a welcome addition to a fruit *compôte* towards the latter end of the season. It

WHITE BULLACE.

is more constant than the damson, and grows where many of the smaller plums would fail. The trees when in bloom are very pretty in the shrubberies, while the fruit will often hang on the trees till November. It seems to do well in any soil.

The Bulldog.

As the national breed, the bulldog will always be popular among lovers of the dog, and there is much truth in the saying, "Once a bulldog man, always a bulldog man." Fanciers of the species—and their number is yearly on the increase—see beauty in their ugliness, and now that "Boss" Croker, the American, has shown his appreciation of the breed by giving something like 1250 guineas for a brace bred in England, there is likely to be as big a boom in the breed as was the case in another variety



THE BULLDOG.

when a fancier from across the Atlantic gave close on £1500 for the collie Christopher, bred in the kennels of the Rev. Hans Hamilton, Vicar of Banstead, near Epsom, a much-valued friend of mine, with whom I have had many most interesting chats on dogs. The general appearance of the bulldog is that of a smooth-coated, thick-set dog, rather low in stature, but broad, powerful, and compact, its head strikingly massive and large in proportion to the dog's size. Its face should be extremely short, muzzle very broad, blunt, and inclined upwards, body short and well-knit, limbs stout and muscular, hindquarters high and strong, but lightly made in comparison with its heavily made foreparts. The dog should convey an impression of determination, strength, and activity. The skull should be very large, the forehead flat, and the skin about the head very loose, hanging in large wrinkles. As regards the legs, the forelegs should be set wide apart, and the ankles very stout and strong; or pasterns short, straight, and strong; forefoot straight, toes compact and thick, with the knuckles prominent and high. The hind legs should be large and muscular, longer in proportion than the forelegs, so as to elevate the loin.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Fumigator.

The fumigator, of which an illustration was recently given, may be obtained of Mr. R. Sydenham, F.R.H.S., Birmingham. This will answer my Stockport and Croydon correspondents.

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DRAUGHTS.

CORRECT SOLUTIONS OF PROBLEM NO. 316 from Captain Challice, Q.W.R., J. B. Conway (as good as any since 275), J. Crabtree, A. Fayne, H. Hampton, and J. R. Lever.

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SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 318.—By J. H. WHITE.

Black: 6, 11, 14, 15, 26, 23K.
White: 20, 21, 30, 4K, 16K, 24K.

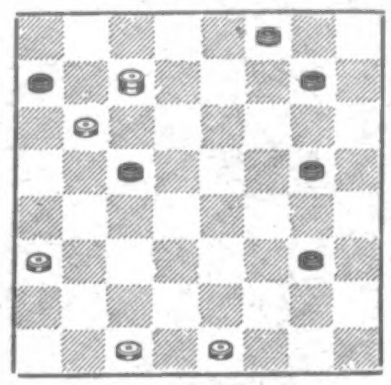
Black to move, and win.

6—10	15—19	14—17	23—27	27—11
16 7	24 6	21 14	30 23	B wins.

PROBLEM No. 319.

BY THOMAS F. CLEARY (Plymouth).

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to move, and win

GAME No. 270.

Played between F. J. MAIDWELL and F. DRINKWATER.

11—15	19 16	14—18	29 25	27—31
24 20	12—19	22 15	9—14	11 7
8—11	24 15	10—19	25 22	31—26
27 24(a)	10—19	20 16	6—10	7 2
4—8	17 10	8—11	22 17	26—22
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23 19	18—27	26 23	20—24	6 15
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31 27	3—10	30 23	24—27	
15—18	25 22	11—16	16 11	Drawn.

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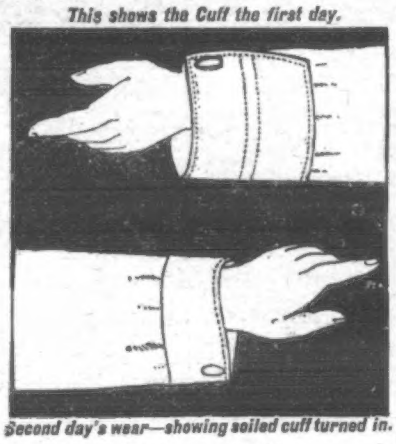

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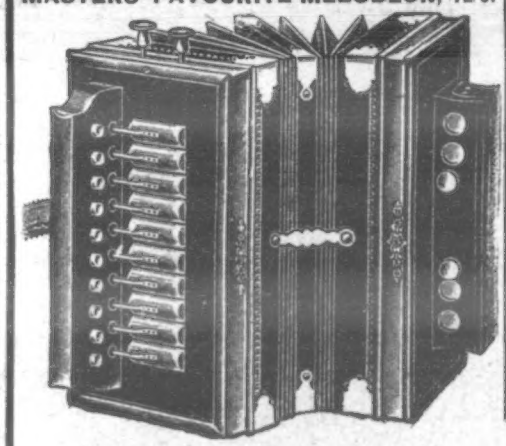

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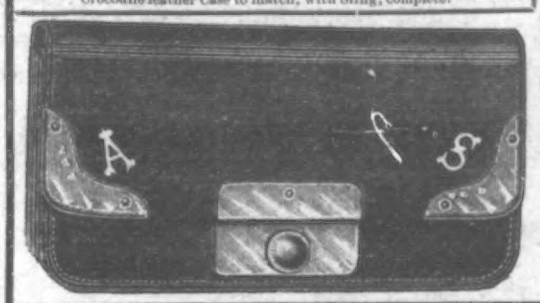

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That French Wife.

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IT is not my usual way to enter into conversation with strangers in a tram-car, and I shall never quite know how, one day, in Rouen, I came to engage in a lively dialogue with a young Frenchwoman, who got in just as we turned the corner by the quay. She dropped something, which I picked up and handed to her with a polite speech; she detected my accent, and wanted to air her English, which was voluble but nearly unintelligible.

"You are of London," she at last remarked, after a fire of other questions. "Do you know Mr. Smees, of London?"

Now Smith happens to be my own patronymic; so I replied quite truthfully in the affirmative, with an inward smile.

"Meester Robert Smees?" continued my fair questioner with increasing urgency.

I inwardly chuckled as I thought of my cousin Bob, and what a good chance I should have of roasting him on my return. Again I replied, "Yes."

"Ah! zen, you will give him a little letter which I shall write." And she promptly had pencil and paper on her lap, and was scribbling away as if for dear life.

Perhaps I ought to have told her that there were several Mr. Robert Smiths in London, but amusement held me dumb; and just as the note was finished the tram stopped and she sprang out, giving me the document, with voluble thanks for my anticipated kindness in delivering it.

I put the note in my pocket with a smile, and thought no more of this adventure till some weeks later on, as I sat over the office fire with my cousin Bob.

He was as good a fellow as ever lived, but he never could, and never would, get on with his father. Smith senior had put him into the modern side of a public school to perfect him in languages for commercial ends; instead of that, Bob had taken a scientific mania and turned the parental mansion into a museum for beetles and dried specimens of everything under the sun. He came back from his subsequent two years abroad with more centipedes than French and German. I really give him credit for doing his best to please his father, but nature will assert itself, and Bob was certainly not shining as junior partner of Smith and Sons.

With his last grievance I sincerely sympathised. Not content with choosing his business for him, his father wanted to choose his wife; and was at a loss to understand why personal tastes should stand in the way of business desirability.

"Simply because he wants to amalgamate the firms," fumed Bob. "I tell you, old fellow, I can't and I won't. I couldn't even if——"

He stopped, and I raised my eyebrows.

"Somebody else in the way?" I queried. And then I suddenly remembered the note, and fumbled for it in my waistcoat-pocket.

"Why, I nearly forgot," I went on, bursting into a roar of laughter. "So this is how you amused yourself abroad, old fellow? Look what somebody in Rouen gave me for you."

I threw the note across the table. It ran as follows—

"You promised that you would return soon. I wait a long time, but you come never. Is it that you have forgotten? "ESTELLE."

The next moment my laughter died away. I was struck dumb by the change in Bob. He turned ghastly white, and the hand that grasped the scrap of paper shook like an old man's. For a minute he buried his face in his hands, the next he crumpled the note in his fingers, seized his cap, and was off without a word of explanation or apology.

A few hours later Bob came bursting into my diggings in his usual impetuous way. His pallor was gone, and his handsome face wore an unusual look of resolution.

"Look here, old fellow," he began. "I can't waste time explaining or apologising just now. I'm off to catch the next boat for Newhaven, and if the sweetest girl in the world will have me, I shall come back married. It's no good having a row at home beforehand. When it's done, they must accept the inevitable. Oh! I see your mouth is opening to give out fifty wise and unanswerable remonstrances and arguments. Keep them till afterwards. I know them all beforehand, and I'm not going to pay the slightest attention to them. The long and short of it is, old man, that whether you believe it or not, I've been a heartless brute, and there's only one thing to be done, if I'm to become a man again in my own estimation. Now the only question is, will you stand by me or not? If you will, get your portmanteau, and come along with me. It won't make the smallest difference to my action whether you do or not, but there are a hundred and one details with those foreign fellows which I'm safe to make a mess of alone. You can manage the red tape better than I can. Will you come or not?"

Bob got his own way—he always did.

On the way I heard all he could tell me about Estelle. He had met her in a little village on the Seine, where he was hunting for some rare beetle. She was painting (painting exquisitely, Bob averred), under guard of her father. His health had broken down, and Estelle's painting kept the home together.

Bob had not said much, but he had told her he would come back—he had meant to come back—but the home atmosphere ever since had been so charged with thunder that he had kept putting things off. That was a year ago now, and she had been waiting ever since.

It was no good to tell Bob that I felt convinced Estelle was a forward little minx, but my own misgivings as to his wisdom were profound.

He knew her address in Rouen, and wrote begging her to meet him at the door of the Church of Saint Patrice, close to her home, at a certain hour. At his request I stayed with him till the last moment. We stood in shadow in the lobby where we could see, unnoticed, all who mounted the steps. I watched in vain for my tram-car acquaintance. Suddenly Bob gripped my arm convulsively. I looked and saw a sweet, fair, modest girl in deep mourning slowly ascending the steps. I caught Bob as he was darting forward.

"Bob," I whispered hoarsely, "it's not the girl I met." And I can vouch for it that whoever was the acquaintance of the young woman in the tram-car, it was not my cousin, Robert Smith.

Later on in the day I was introduced to Estelle, and learned more about her. Of course, she knew Bob would come back to her. Had he not promised, and did she not trust him absolutely?

It did not take long to obtain the consent of Estelle's only surviving relative, and when I took the Dieppe boat, charged with the pleasant duty of "breaking the news gently," Bob and she were married.

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Of course, I expected a storm. What I met with was just what I hadn't expected. Just before I got into the cab which was to take me to my uncle's residence, a shouting newsboy passed me, and I bought a paper. Some startling headlines met my view.

"Great failure in the City! Collapse of Smith and Sons!" Truly, I had been playing with edged tools.

I found my uncle so broken down that it was impossible not to pity him—too broken down even to storm. Bob's crowning offence in his eyes had been his refusal to marry Mary Gilbert. If the Smith-Gilbert marriage had been arranged, Gilbert's would have tided them over the crisis. Bob's curt refusal had brought about this disaster. That he was bringing over a penniless French wife was only one more detail of his folly.

"Don't let the ungrateful boy come near me just now!" was almost all he said.

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It was the day after Bob's return to London. He had been half-stunned by the news, but had pulled himself together for his wife's sake. I insisted on taking them to a picture gallery, and exerted myself to entertain Estelle.

Suddenly we halted before the picture of the year—the masterpiece by an unknown artist, which had evoked so much curiosity and admiration. It represented the parting of Orpah from Naomi, and I have rarely seen anything to equal it for strong and tender pathos. I almost forgot my companions for a second, when a half-exclamation from Estelle made me turn towards her.

"It is mine!" she said, in answer to my inquiring glance. "It is the last picture I painted before my father died. I sold it to a dealer in Rouen for fifty francs."

I put one or two rapid questions to see if she had means of proving the picture to be her work, and her answers satisfied me on this point. At that moment someone raised his hat to me. I looked up and saw Sir Edward Hilton, the well-known art critic and collector. Circumstances had brought me into somewhat intimate acquaintance with him. Obeying a sudden impulse, I exclaimed—

"Sir Edward, I cannot resist introducing you to the creator of 'Towards Moab.'"

He stopped in surprise, and greeted Estelle with a deference that was almost reverent—oddly mingled, I could see, with a certain puzzled incredulity.

"Is it possible?" he said. "It was I who discovered that picture and brought it here."

"You think it really good?" Estelle asked simply. "I was so sad while I was painting it, I feared it would not be my best work. But my father liked it."

"Then you do not know," he asked, "that you are the artist of the day?"

It ended with our all going with Sir Edward to inspect the palatial Natural History Museum which had been part of his life-work, and which he was on the point of presenting to the nation. Bob was in his element, and charmed Sir Edward by his discerning appreciation.

"Why," cried he, pausing before a specimen-case, wherein reposed a rare fossil, "I thought the one at Antwerp was the only specimen in Europe. Where did you get it?"

Sir Edward beamed.

"You are the only man I have met in London who knew it was anything unusual," he exclaimed. "If only I could have you for a coadjutor! None of the fellows who have applied for the post of curator seem to have any real knowledge of or love for the work."

Before the day was out he was appointed curator of the famous Hilton Museum, and knew he could support Estelle as he ought while she painted her next picture, which would not be sold for fifty francs.

Estelle painted her picture, but that was not all she did. It would take too long to tell how her sweet womanly tact brought Bob and his father together again; how her active helpfulness brought Bob's sisters into larger ways of living; how her loving trustfulness made Bob himself twice the man he ever would have been without her. But there came a time when all the Smith family would have owned that the best thing that ever happened to them was the advent of the woman whom they had first spoken of as "That French Wife."

THE END.

Rosalind's Fashions.

EVERYONE cannot wear so pronounced a colour with success, of course, but for those who can, orange-colour is very smart wear just now, and makes a charming combination with white. In Fig. 1 I have a very pretty example of this happy combine in a hat of white felt, with a big chou of orange velvet on either side partly veiled with soft white lace, which falls entirely over the crown. Velvet is certainly the most felicitous material for expressing the orange shade, and touches of it on jabots, fichus, or cravats, or on white evening-gowns, or wraps, make charming bits of colour, the close proximity of white having a refining effect on what—injudiciously used—is a somewhat lurid tint.

VELVET AND LACE HAT.

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Dominoes are particularly fetching this ball-season. Showers of artificial flowers, and oceans of jewels, gold and silver tinsel, sequins, and spangles, to say nothing of fur and lace, have made these garments savour far more of pantomime at its gaudiest, than the wear of women of supposed refinement in good society. My initial shows the headpiece of a lovely domino of black satin embroidered with gold, with a thick ruche of black chiffon round face and throat.

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Among the Smartest Garments for outdoor wear is the bolero coatee of seal, sable, astrachan, or caracul. Some of these—the most rational, one must confess—fasten over the front, while others are thrown open with revers. The sketch in Fig. 2 shows one of the latter variety, and is of sable, or mink would look equally well for those whose sables must of necessity assume the least expensive aspect. Seal looks well, and astrachan—if good—comes in a good third, but caracul I do not recommend; such common versions are worn, and there is something uncouth about this fur always, to my thinking. When the coatees of fur are worn open, it goes without saying, consideration must be given to the gowns they are worn over. For instance, the one in my Illustration is of black cloth braided with gold, having a deep folded band of black satin, the whole harmonising delightfully with the sable.

STYLISH SABLE BOLERO.

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The Newest Make in Tea-Gowns is shown in Fig. 3. This is cut to fit at the back, and trained, as all dressy gowns now are, as a matter of course. The fronts are cut straight and loose, and fasten over on the left side with a chou and ends. The immense collar-revers are the special feature, edged with lace, accordioned chiffon, or frills of muslin. My model is a very pale blue broché, the collar of white silk edged with soft white lace; the chou and ends of white chiffon gathered in to gold tags. The sleeves incline to bell-shape, and are edged with a frill of lace falling over the under shirt-sleeve of white silk.

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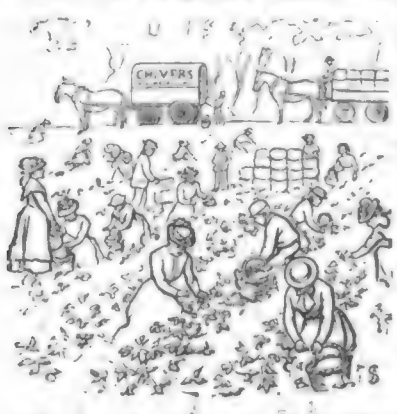

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THE WORLD OF WOMEN.

THE VANDERBILT-FRENCH WEDDING, at Newport, Rhode Island, opened the week gaily in American millionaire circles. Interest even in the reported message from Mars dropped for a moment, so engrossed were the public with the nuptials of Mr. Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt and Miss Elsie French. St. John's Church, I learn, was brilliantly decorated with roses and lilies and palms, and transformed into a bower of flowers. In her lovely bridal dress of ivory-white satin, trimmed with round point lace, Miss French looked a perfect dream of beauty. She carried a lovely bouquet of white orchids and lilies-of-the-valley. Her five bridesmaids were arrayed with similar magnificence and good taste. A novelty was introduced in the shape of an enormous horse-shoe of costly orchids, which was lowered at the church door for Good Luck as the bridal pair were going out. Roses and orchids in profusion embellished the bride's home at Harbour View, where the wedding reception took place. Grey cheviot was the material of the bride's going-away dress, and they started on their honeymoon in a Vanderbilt private train. It is to be hoped the young couple, with such vast wealth are they dowered, will seek to make all around them as happy as possible: if they do they will themselves attain perfect happiness.

Lady Creighton,

the widow of the Bishop of London, has the warmest sympathy of her Queen and fellow-countrywomen in the sore bereavement that befell her by the death of her noble husband last Monday.

Mr. Louis Wain's Dinner to London Cat's-Meat Men

in the Baronial Hall of the City of New York Restaurant in Hand Court, Holborn, on Thursday se'nnight, proved a great success, as you may imagine from the countenances of the guests in the accompanying photograph. An accomplished Artist, who deserves to be called the Cat's Hogarth, so admirably has he imbued with human intelligence the feline race, Mr. Louis Wain was well supported at this novel feast. Her Grace the Duchess of Bedford was kind enough to address the diners, and to present the men with 250 half-pound tins of tobacco. Mdlle. Janotha had the thoughtfulness to bring her cat to enjoy the scene, and there might well have been present a deputation of pussies to offer a well-deserved tribute of admiration to Louis Wain.

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DINNER TO LONDON CAT'S MEAT MEN AT THE CITY OF NEW YORK RESTAURANT ON THE 10th INST., UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR. LOUIS WAIN.

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Cheaper in the End

to get the best, even if you pay a little more for it. This is a fact which it is not easy to impress upon young matrons, who are caught by mere prettiness, and rarely, if ever, give a thought to the question asked by experience: "Will it wear?" There have been several very smart weddings lately, both in town and country, but the smartest of all will be that of the Duke of Westminster and Miss Shelagh Cornwallis-West at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, on

St. Valentine's Day—

very appropriate for the mating of young people. The bride and her mother are very busy over the outfit; but no one knows—that is, no one outside the family circle—what the wedding dress will be, or what the travelling-frock, wrap, or hat. But we may be quite sure that, for the bride of a wealthy Duke, everything

Rich and Handsome

will be provided. The Duke is very rich, and the bride is very lovely. It is a love-match approved of by everyone, except, perhaps, each of the young ladies who hoped to have secured the prize for herself. There has been a very pretty wedding—one of the first smart weddings of the century—near Broughton-in-Furness. The youngest daughter of Lord and Lady Cross, Miss Margaret Cross, was married to Captain Finch Dawson, R.A., who was severely wounded in one of the great battles in South Africa. The bride wore a very beautiful dress of white satin embroidered in silver, pearls, and jewels. The lace trimmings of the dress and the veil were Honiton, and her bouquet was white roses and azaleas. The bridesmaids were entirely in white, but they carried bouquets of red roses and lilies-of-the-valley. I do not think that the

Going-Away Dress

was very pretty. It was made of raspberry-pink cloth embroidered in gold; her toque was velvet of the raspberry tint, with cocks' feathers, and a large antique gold buckle. I note that white cloth has been used of late for wedding gowns. It is pretty, though a little heavy, I should think, but it is supposed to be a little more appropriate to wintry weather than silk or satin.

Cloth for the Bride

and cream serge for the bridesmaids go well together. There has been a great deal said and written of late concerning the extravagance in dress which some women—the wives and daughters of millionaires and others—indulge in. Extravagance is wrong and vulgar in anyone, but less hurtful in the case of rich women; still, the

Example is Dangerous;

for women who cannot afford to waste money are tempted to do, or try to do, what rich women do with ease, and ruin follows as a matter of course. "Lady Charlotte," in a very sensible article in a recent number of the *Daily Mail*, writes as follows: "Pessimists are shaking their heads with sad solemnity over the extravagance of the age, and those who remember many years back declare, with perfect truth, that the woman of to-day encourages her modiste and milliner with far greater fervour than her grandmother did when she was a reigning belle." "Dress," she goes on, "is very simple now, but very dear. The toilette which would cost £25 if it were ordered from a modiste, who makes that charge for her 'little morning frock,' but prides herself upon

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and upon asking them to attend to be tried on once only, is a very great boon to busy women; but, on the other hand, the same design might be carried out by a clever girl at home for under £5." All this is very true, but then so much depends upon whether the girl is really clever or not. She may be intellectually clever, or a good musician, or linguist, or a clever figure or landscape painter, but very bad indeed as a cutter-out and fitter. Her taste in trimming may also be about as bad as may be, so what sort of a £5 gown will she turn out from the best model in the world? Something quite unwearable most likely. I do not advocate the giving of twenty-five pounds for a gown, but neither do I advocate the spoiling of good material by incompetent hands. The competition between what we call

ONE OF THE NEW HATS.

Fashionable Women

in the matter of dress is at the root of all the mischief. Mrs. Dash cannot endure to be cast into the shade by Mrs. Crash, and both are agreed in not allowing themselves to be outdone by Mrs. Smash! If the latter wears ermine upon her mantle, the other ladies appear in Russian sable capes or jackets, and the rivalry in hats and toques is endless. This is not right. Women must have

Moral Courage Enough

to resist the mean and paltry temptation to outshine their friends. It is a poor ambition, and gives no real satisfaction. Better go shabby than run in debt, and now is the time, at the opening of a new century, to turn over new leaves, and to try to stem the torrent of needless extravagance.

The season has come at last when our winter furs and gorgeous outdoor garments ought to have a chance of due exploitation, while those who have not such will seize the opportunity offered by sales to set themselves right for any future cold weather. That fascinating weekly, the *Sketch*, has courteously permitted me to reproduce one of

The New Hats

so much in vogue at the present season. This model has a wide turned-up brim lined with ermine, crown of black panne velvet, the latter being drawn through a jewelled slide.

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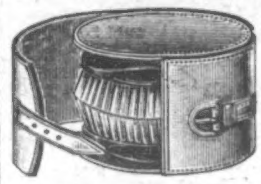

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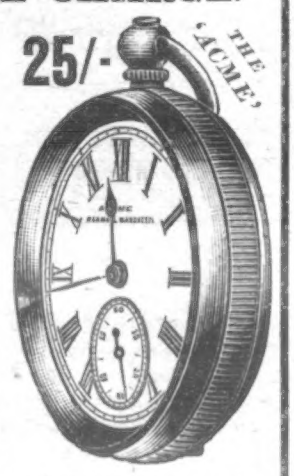

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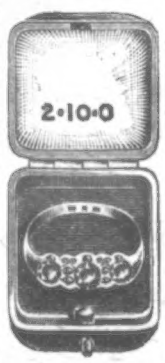

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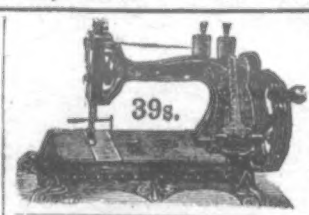

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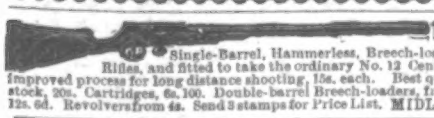

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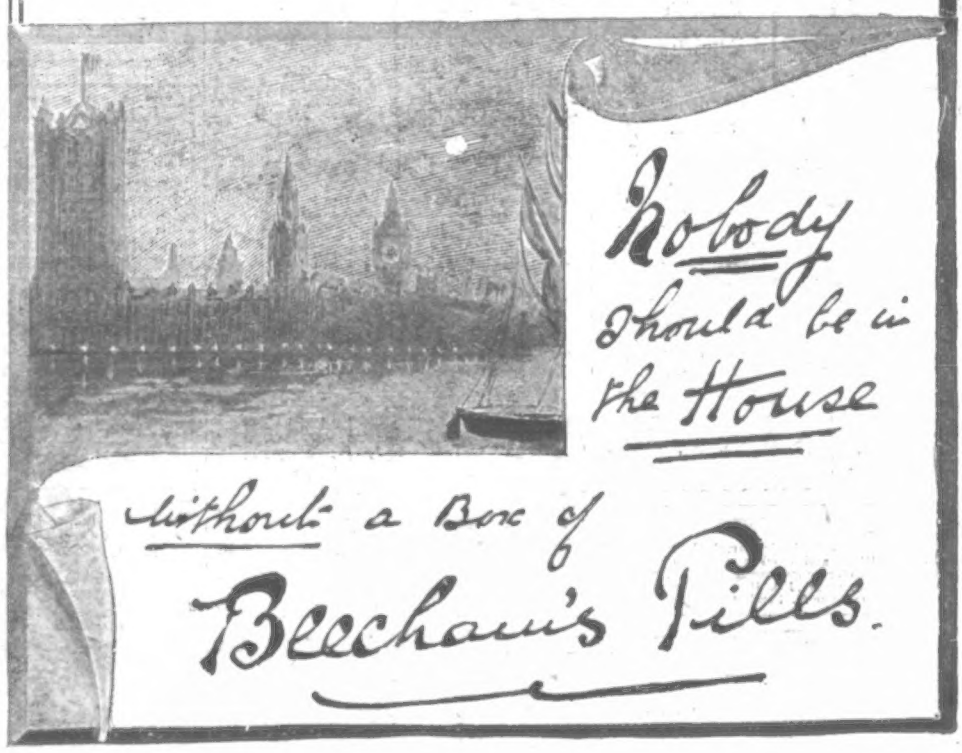
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